

I feel that this action by Sinclair to air this anti-Kerry program, "Stolen Honor," is blatant abuse of their power. To do this right before the election, this is purely partisan vote-swaying tactics designed to help Bush win a second term.

This cannot pass as objective news journalism, or can it? I hope that in a democracy, it cannot.

But most unfair is Sinclair's intention to force its local affiliates to do its political campaigning work for them. It is a form of coercion.

Sinclair Broadcast Group's recent actions have illustrated the dangers to localism caused by media consolidation. Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.